



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.
C4

For the meeting of: December 5, 2017

Date: November 20, 2017
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Virginia Bass
Subject: Letter of Support for the expansion of the Redwood Coast PACE program.

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair to sign the letter of support.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: The Humboldt Senior Recourse Center is requesting a letter of support from the Board of Supervisors for their Redwood Coast PACE expansion program. PACE is an all-inclusive care for qualifying 55+ with medical or financial needs, established in late 2014. Redwood Coast PACE continues to be the only rural PACE program in California. It currently has one center that serves the Eureka area. They are looking to develop and expand their services to the Eel River valley. A second center site could serve up to an additional 75 participant and allow for continued growth to occur at the existing PACE Center as well.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter of Support and Letter from the Humboldt Senior Resource Center.

Prepared by Tracy Damico

Signature Virginia Bass

REVIEW: Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:
 Consent
 Departmental
 Public Hearing
 Other _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
Upon motion of Supervisor Wilson Seconded by Supervisor Sundberg
Ayes Sundberg, Fennell, Bass, Wilson
Nays _____
Abstain _____
Absent Bohn

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: 12/5/17
By: _____
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board



Humboldt Senior Resource Center

Supporting seniors in maintaining health, dignity and self-determination.

November 20, 2017

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
825 5th Street, Room 111
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Supervisors Rex Bohn, Estelle Fennell, Mike Wilson, Virginia Bass and Ryan Sundberg:

On September 1, 2014, the Humboldt Senior Resource Center opened a new program called Redwood Coast PACE (Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly).

Redwood Coast PACE (RCP) serves frail, chronically ill, older adults at high risk for nursing home placement. PACE integrates community based long term care social services with medical care, addressing all the needs of an individual 24/7. RCP continues to be the only rural PACE program in California.

The program serves people 55 years of age and older who live in the PACE service area, are state certified to need a nursing home level of care and can live safely in the community. Our service area includes Trinidad to the north, Blue Lake and Carlotta to the east and south to Shively Road. The majority of eligible older adults live in this service area.

RCP is licensed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) and the Ca Dept. of Health Care Services. PACE integrates services and financing with a capitated monthly payment system through Medicare and Medi-Cal.

Health care needs of this age group are disproportionately high, accounting for 40% of all hospital stays and 49% of all days in of care in hospitals. PACE programs throughout the US have shown that frail elders who become PACE members have positive outcomes in the following areas:

- 1) Fewer hospitalization
- 2) Fewer emergency room visits
- 3) Fewer nursing home admissions
- 4) Longer survival rates
- 5) Improved quality of life

Over the last 3 years, Redwood Coast PACE (RCP) has experienced a steady growth in enrollment and now serves 138 individuals. Our 5 year goal was 135 participants. Redwood

Coast PACE and Adult Day Health services have co-located in the current facility located in Eureka. We currently serve in our PACE center at least 16 participants who live in the southern region of our geographic service area who have a full hour ride on our buses to get to clinic and the day center. This has been a hardship for participants with chronic physical needs.

The HSRC Board of Directors has developed a strategic plan to provide a PACE Center in the Eel River Valley by 2020. Our application to the California Department of Health Care Services requires that we include a letter of support from the County Board of Supervisors for this expansion of our PACE program. We anticipate being able to serve up to 75 participants at this new center. This second PACE site will allow continued growth to occur at our Eureka PACE Center.

We ask your support for Redwood Coast PACE and our plan for continued growth in the southern portion of our county.

Thank You.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Hayes".

Joyce Hayes

Executive Director



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COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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December 5, 2017

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Re: Redwood Coast PACE Expansion Application

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express our support for the expansion of the Humboldt Senior Resources Centers Redwood Coast PACE program.

PACE is a program of all-inclusive care for the elderly established in late 2014. Redwood Coast PACE continues to be the only rural PACE program in California and is looking to develop and expand their services. A second center site could serve up to an additional 75 participant and allow for continued growth to occur at the existing PACE Center as well.

We respectfully encourage you to support this important project for the growing number of rural seniors who will benefit from this successful and expanding service.

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

Sincerely,

Virginia Bass, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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